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Title: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING ORGANICALLY MODIFIED,
PERMANENTLY HYDROPHOBIC AEROGELS**

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 16) mailed in the above-captioned patent application on 15 June 2001. A Petition for two-months extension of time for response and the requisite fee for same are filed together with this paper. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed by the extended due date of 15 November 2001.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. Included as **Attachment A** is **Version With Markings To Show Changes Made** showing the amendments incorporated in the claims below.